FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 23, 1995

SUBJECT: **HB 486** - **SB 799**

This bill, if enacted, will require that each managed care organization, which has entered into a contract with the state to provide medical care under the TennCare program, shall provide its enrollees with access to chiropractic services. This bill further provides that any duly licensed chiropractor who is willing and able to meet the terms and conditions established by the managed care organization shall be accepted as a preferred care provider by that managed care organization.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures to the TennCare Program. The provisions of this bill affect the procedures used by managed care organizations to control costs. If managed care organizations are required to accept all provider applicants who apply and meet existing terms, they will lose the ability to contract with those willing to provide services at the lowest cost in the future. The amount of increase cannot reasonably be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000 in the long run.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James a. Downport

James A. Davenport, Executive Director